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Group Art Unit: 2121

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VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY DESIGN ENVIRONMENT (VADE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the patent application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, immediately after the title, as follows:

This invention was made with government support under Funding Reference No. 60NANB5D0066 awarded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The government has certain rights in the invention.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 1, line 4, to read as follows:

This is a United States national application corresponding to co-pending International Application No. PCT/US99/30753, filed on December 23, 1999, which designates the United States, the benefit of the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The co-pending International Application No. PCT/US99/30753 claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 60/113,629, filed on December 23, 1998, the benefit of the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. Each of these applications is incorporated herein by reference.

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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	36	-	31	= 5 x 9 =	45
Independent Claims	8	-	7	= 1 x 42 =	42
TOTAL					\$87

B. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 140842 in the amount of \$87.00 to cover the amendment claim fee.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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Respectfully submitted,

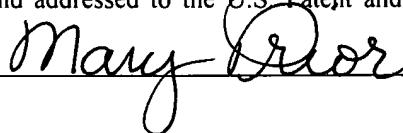
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